

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) 5,7,7-trimethyloctanenitrile.

Claims 2-7 (cancelled)

8. (Previously presented) A fragrance composition or perfumed article comprising 5,7,7-trimethyloctanenitrile.

9. (Previously presented) The fragrance composition or perfumed article according to Claim 8, comprising a sufficient amount of 5,7,7-trimethyloctanenitrile for at least one of modifying or intensifying the fragrance composition in an iris direction.

10. (Previously presented) A fragrance composition according to claim 8 wherein the 5,7,7-trimethyloctanenitrile is present in the composition in an effective amount from the sensory standpoint.

11. (Previously presented) A method for preparing a fragrance composition having an iris note, the method having the steps of:

mixing 5,7,7-trimethyloctanenitrile with a fragrance composition, the 5,7,7-trimethyloctanenitrile being used in a sufficient amount for at least one of modifying or intensifying the odour of the fragrance composition in an iris direction.

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12. (Previously presented) A bleaching agent composition comprising:

a bleaching agent;

5,7,7-trimethyloctanenitrile; and

optionally at least one additive,

wherein the 5,7,7-trimethyloctanenitrile is present in a sufficient amount for at least one of modifying or intensifying the odor of the bleaching agent composition in the iris direction.

13. (Previously presented) Bleaching agent composition according to Claim 12 wherein the bleaching agent comprises at least one of chlorine or hypochlorite.

Claims 14-15 (Cancelled)

16. (New) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is prepared by:

a) reacting isononyl aldehyde with cyanoacetic acid; and

b) reacting the product of step a) with hydrogen.